



How You Can Register

Come to the Exeter Community Library and sign up at the **children's circulation desk**. You will receive your reading folder and materials to get started.



Getting Started

- * Start logging your books.
- * Bring your log to the **children's circulation desk** at Exeter Community Library at each 100 book milestone. We will celebrate your child's success and hand out a small reward. (as supplies and funding permit)
You will then receive the next log.
- * When your child reaches 1,000 books he or she will receive a t-shirt and we will make them a personalized "READ" poster.

The concept is simple
The rewards are priceless!

READ with your child and enjoy!

Can you really expect to read 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten?

Yes! Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read.

Child's Age When 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is Started	Number of Books Read Per Day to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of Books Read Per Week to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
0 Years Old	1	4
1 Year Old	1	5
2 Years Old	1	7
3 Years Old	2	10
4 Years Old	3	20

What Books Count?

Any time your child listens to a whole book it counts! It can be a library book, a book from home, a book read at story time, even an audio book or e-book. If your child asks you to read the same book five times, it counts as five books.



EXETER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**4569 Prestwick Drive
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What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

It is a reading program designed to help parents prepare their children for kindergarten. Children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education. The most effective way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them. To encourage you in that endeavor, you can sign up children ages birth to beginning kindergarten for this reading program.

Love of Reading

If a child is old enough to talk to, they're old enough to be read to! A good children's book is 3x richer in vocabulary than conversation.



Fast Facts

- **Any** child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate.
- *The program is self-paced.*
- *Record the same book as many times as you read it!*
- *A reward will be earned for each 100 books read.*
- *Register at the Children's Desk any time the library is open.*
- **No Fee**



Ready to Read

You are your child's first teacher. When you talk, sing, read, write, and play you are helping your child get ready to read!

Through reading aloud, a child:

- * Develops background knowledge about a variety of topics
- * Builds vocabulary
- * Becomes familiar with rich language patterns
- * Develops familiarity with story structure
- * Acquires familiarity with the reading process
- * Identifies reading as a pleasurable activity

- *Straight Talk About Reading: How Parents Can Make a Difference During the Early Years*
By Susan Hall & Louisa Moats